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क्र0 सं0	राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र का नाम	दिनांक 1.4.1997 से 31.12.1997 तक की अवधि के दौरान निर्मुक्त धनराशि
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	505.09
2.	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	51.54
3.	असम	13.30
4.	बिहार	164.51
5.	दिल्ली	186.40
6.	गुजरात	87.37
7.	गोवा	6.01
8.	हरियाणा	91.79
9.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	2.34
10.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	6.98
11.	कर्नाटक	212.17
12.	केरल	167.86
13.	मणिपुर	54.25
14.	मध्य प्रदेश	64.80
15.	महाराष्ट्र	197.86
16.	मिजोरम	40.93
17.	मेघालय	47.50
18.	नागालैंड	21.53
19.	उडीसा	148.48
20.	पंजाब	67.56
21.	राजस्थान	131.96
22.	त्रिपुरा	17.92
23.	तमिलनाडु	180.81
24.	उत्तर प्रदेश	389.63
25.	पश्चिम बंगाल	365.80
26.	चंडीगढ़	4.59
27.	पांडिचेरी	6.65
	कुल	3235.53

Schemes for Welfare of OBCs

574. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV; Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes introduced by Govern-ment for the welfare of Other Backward Classes;

(b) whether the schemes have been sponsored for welfare of OBCs in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the specific steps taken in that direction in Bihar since introduction of the schemes for welfare of OBCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI); (a) The only scheme Introduced so far for the welfare of OBCs is that of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation which provides for margin money loan and term loan to eligible persons belonging to OBCs at concessional rate of interest'for self-employment ventures. The financial assistance is channelised through State Channelising Agencies nominated by the State Governments concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation has sanctioned loan amounting to Rs. 4504.15 lakhs to eligible persons belonging to OBCs in Bihar since 1992-93, out of which the State Corporation has drawn only Rs. 966.64 lakhs so far.

Opening of Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre in AP

575. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the
number of disabled people are increasing;

(b) whether Government will consider opening a new Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether any preliminary work has been done to locate such an institute in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A sample survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 covering four disabilities—visual, hearing speech and locomotor estimated that these are about 16.15 million disabled persons constituting about 1.9% of the total population of the country. As regards mental retardation in a sample survey conducted by NSSO in 1991 for persons in the age group upto 14 years, it was estimated that about 3% suffer from delayed mental development.

(b) to (d) No such proposal is under consideration.